

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5068
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2001
TICKETS TO SPORTS FEDERATION BY AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount by way of cash or airline tickets has been provided by Air India to various Sports Federations/Associations during the last three years;
- (b) the amount by way of cash or airline tickets has been provided to the Badminton Association of India during the same period;
- (c) whether any complaints regarding irregularities in sanctioning of cash/airline tickets to the Badminton Association of India have been received; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b):- Air India's Sports Control Board has, from its annual budget, distributed Rs.16.10 lakhs, Rs.9.50 lakhs and Rs.8.18 lakhs during the years 1998-1999, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 respectively to various Sports Federations/ Associations which includes Rs.3.50 lakhs each year to the Badminton Association of India. All transportation/service contracts with the Badminton Association of India have been signed, duly approved by the Air India Management as per the existing rules.

(c) and (d):- Yes, Sir. A complaint regarding sanction of amount to the Badminton Association of India in Transportation Service Contracts without securing commensurate value of Air India has been received. Vigilance Department of Air India is seized of the matter.